



UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH SCHOOL OF LAW

PUBLIC INTEREST SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Social Security Number _____

Application Process

First-year applicants who are U.S. citizens and have a strong commitment to public interest law can apply for a Public Interest Scholarship. The following information must be submitted with this application to be considered for this award:

1. Essay indicating your level of commitment to public interest law, describing interests and citing specific career goals
2. History of public service/volunteer work (either compensated or uncompensated, or both), indicating dates of participation, number of hours worked, and short descriptions of activities
3. Two letters of recommendation from people familiar with your commitment to the area of public interest law (i.e. past employers)

Renewal Criteria

The following criteria must be met in order to renew a Public Interest Scholarship for the second and third years of law school:

1. Completion of a 4-credit public interest externship (208 hours) or public interest employment (208 hours minimum) approved by the Scholarship Committee during your first summer, and an essay explaining your experience at the conclusion of the summer
2. Participation in a law school legal clinic during one of your last three semesters of law school
3. Passage of a Committee review at the end of the first and second summers that involves an evaluation of your level of commitment to public interest law based upon your summer work experiences and law school activities
4. Participation in the Pitt Legal Income Sharing Foundation (public interest student organization), attending meetings and assisting with programming
5. Maintenance of a "B" average (defined as at least a 3.000 GPA) or better in your legal studies

Post-Graduate Public Interest Commitment

I understand that accepting a Public Interest Scholarship offer involves making a moral commitment that I will be dedicated to public service work throughout my legal career. I recognize that I must meet the criteria specified above before the Committee will renew this scholarship for my second and third years of law school. I understand that if at any point in my legal education the Committee is not convinced of my commitment to the area of public interest law, my scholarship will be discontinued. Also, I have been informed that these scholarship funds are not available to me in any semester that I am not officially enrolled in the Law School.

If awarded a Public Interest Scholarship, I am prepared to make this moral commitment.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Review Process

The Office of Admissions must receive this scholarship application and all supporting documentation by December 1. In order for a completed application to be considered by the Scholarship Committee, the applicant must be admitted to the University of Pittsburgh School of Law; therefore, it is imperative that students apply for admission early in the process. After the initial review, finalists will be chosen and will be required to interview with the Scholarship Committee. Award offers will be made to recipients by the end of January with an obligation to notify the Law School by April 15th of an acceptance of the scholarship offer.

Questions regarding the application process for this scholarship can be addressed to the Office of Admissions by calling (412) 648-1415.

Completed applications should be mailed to:

University of Pittsburgh School of Law
Office of Admissions
3900 Forbes Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15260